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Remarks

Claims 1-69 were pending in this case. With the above claim cancellations, claims 1-10, 26, 55-64, 68 and 69 are now pending. The above claim cancellations are made without prejudice or disclaimer and applicants reserve the right to pursue the cancelled claims in this or another application. The claim cancellations are not made based on the perception that the cancelled claims are not patentable, but represent a business decision to select claims to pursue at this time and to avoid incurring a large excess claim fee.

Oath or Declaration

Enclosed is a properly signed declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63. Also enclosed are four Powers of Attorney, one from each of the inventors.

Compliance with Sequence Rules

Enclosed herewith is a paper copy and a computer readable (diskette) form of the sequence listing. The content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (paper) sequence listing enclosed herewith. The sequence listing presents no new matter. Please enter the sequence listing into the application.

The specification amendments are also provided to refer to the SEQ ID NOs when the sequences are discussed.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants enclose herewith an Information Disclosure Statement for this case, including the 1449 form and a copy of each reference.

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Fee Payment

Enclosed herewith is a check for \$462, which is the sum of the following fees
(small entity status):

\$370 Basic filing fee

\$ 27 Excess claim fees - three claims over 20 (there are two independent claims)

\$ 65 Late declaration fee

\$462 Total.

Authorization is hereby given to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment, or charge any additional extension of time fee necessary to preserve the pendency of the subject application to Deposit Account No. 01-1785.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that, with this filing, all preliminary matters are resolved. Applicants therefore request that this application proceed to examination. If there are any minor matters preventing examination of this case, applicants request that the PTO contact the undersigned attorney.

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